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TITLE OF INVENTION: DISCHARGE RADIATION SOURCE, IN PARTICULAR UV RADIATION

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The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 215 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 215 day(s).

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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/519,552

Examiner

MICHAEL J. LOGIE

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 04 February 2008.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 20-26 and 30-40.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

/Jack I. Berman/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2881

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments, see "Remarks" pages 11-13, filed 04 February 2008, with respect to claims 20-40 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The "rejection" of 02 August 2007 has been withdrawn.

Response to Amendment

An "Amendment" was received on 04 February 2008, in response to Office Action of 02 August 2007. Claims 1-19 and 27-29 are canceled. Claims 20-26 and 30-38 are amended. Claims 39 and 40 are newly added.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 20-26 and 30-40 are allowed.

The radiation source configuration was not found in a prior art search. The search failed to show or suggest the prior use of:

- the gas supply line being wound helically against and spaced from the electrically insulating configuration with the limitations of claim 20.
- the cathode comprises an annular portion which is connected to a central portion which is connected to the discharge space, and the charge storage capacitors are distributed around the central portion and are connected, by means of the first terminal thereof, to the annular portion and, by means of the second terminal thereof, to a conductor ring which is

electrically connected to the first terminal of the at least one commutation capacitor in configuration with the limitations of claim 34.

- a gas supply line wound helically around the gas inlet pipe in one plane that is generally perpendicular to an axis of the gas inlet pipe, the gas supply line having a radially interior portion connected to the gas inlet pipe and a radially exterior portion that is connected to a fixed potential, so that production of electrical discharges inside the gas inlet pipe is inhibited in configuration with the limitations of claim 40.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

In regards to claim 1, prior art fails to disclose a radiation source comprising: an anode (2) ; a cathode (3, 8); a discharge space (4) for electrical discharge between the anode (2) and the cathode (3); a gas inlet pipe (30) for introducing gas into the discharge space (4), the gas inlet pipe (30) being electrically connected to one of the anode (2) and the cathode (3, 8); an electrically insulating assembly (34) for the source; means (13 to 23) for producing, in the gas provided in the discharge space (4), an electrical discharge which brings about emission of electromagnetic radiation towards outside the discharge space; and a gas supply line (43) that has a first portion (44) connected to a fixed potential and a second portion (42) connected to the gas inlet pipe (30) and that comprises, between the first portion and the second portion, an electrically conductive material, the gas supply line (43) being wound helically against and spaced from the electrically insulating assembly (34), so that production of electrical discharges inside the gas inlet pipe (30) is inhibited.

Claims 21-26, 30-33 and 35-39 are allowed by virtue of their dependencies on the independent claim 20.

In regards to claim 34, prior art fails to disclose a radiation source comprising: an anode (2); a cathode (3, 8); a discharge space (4) for electrical discharge between the anode (2) and the cathode (3); a gas inlet pipe (30) for introducing gas into the discharge space (4), the gas inlet pipe (30) being electrically connected to one of the anode (2) and the cathode (3, 8); means (13 to 23) for producing, in the gas provided in the discharge space (4), an electrical discharge which brings about emission of radiation towards outside the discharge space; and a gas supply line (43) having a first portion (42) connected to the gas inlet pipe (30) and a second portion (44) that is connected to a fixed potential, the gas supply line (43) forming, between the first portion (42) and the second portion (44), an electrical impedance so that production of electrical discharges inside the gas inlet pipe (30) is inhibited, wherein the means (13 to 23) for producing discharge in the discharge space (4) comprise at least one charge storage capacitor (14) which is electrically connected, by means of a first terminal (15), to the cathode (3, 8) and, by means of a second terminal (16), to a first commutation capacitor terminal (18) of at least one commutation capacitor (19) which is electrically connected to the anode (2) by means of a second commutation capacitor terminal (20) thereof, electrical commutation means being provided between the first and second commutation capacitor terminals (18, 20) of the at least one commutation capacitor (19) and a source of charge voltage being provided between the first and second commutation capacitor terminals (18, 20) of the at least one commutation capacitor (19), and wherein a plurality of charge storage capacitors (14) are provided, the cathode

(3, 8) comprises an annular portion (8) which is connected to a central portion (6) which is connected to the discharge space (4), and the charge storage capacitors (14) are distributed around the central portion (6) and are connected, by means of the first terminal (15) thereof, to the annular portion (8) and, by means of the second terminal (16) thereof, to a conductor ring (13) which is electrically connected to the first commutation capacitor terminal (18) of the at least one commutation capacitor (19).

In regards to claim 40, prior art fails to disclose a radiation source comprising: an anode (2); a cathode (3, 8); a discharge space (4) for electrical discharge between the anode (2) and the cathode (3); a gas inlet pipe (30) for introducing gas into the discharge space (4), the gas inlet pipe (30) being electrically connected to one of the anode (2) and the cathode (3, 8); means (13 to 23) for producing, in the gas provided in the discharge space (4), an electrical discharge which brings about emission of radiation towards outside the discharge space; and a gas supply line (43) wound helically around the gas inlet pipe (30) in one plane that is generally perpendicular to an axis of the gas inlet pipe, the gas supply line having a radially interior portion (42) connected to the gas inlet pipe (30) and a radially exterior portion (44) that is connected to a fixed potential, so that production of electrical discharges inside the gas inlet pipe (30) is inhibited.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Pertinent prior art is closely related art that individually or in combination could be considered grounds for rejection. See references cited for a listing of the pertinent prior art found and the prior art found.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael J. Logie whose telephone number is 571-270-1616. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30 to 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Kim can be reached on 571-272-2293. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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